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## **Prescribed Burns are Planned for Millard County**

"Springtime provides opportunities for planned prescribed burns"

**Fillmore, Utah**—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Fillmore Field Office and Central Utah Interagency Fire and Fuels personnel will be conducting two separate prescribed burns located in Millard County starting **Feb. 25 and continuing to June 1.** The hand-treated piles in both areas are part of several continuing fuels reduction projects that management and fire personnel have been working on over the past several years. Prescribed fires are conducted in order to achieve specific management objectives using management-ignited fire.

The Scipio Pass West Project is approximately 800 acres and located five miles south/southwest of Scipio, Utah and is in phase two of maintaining an existing established fuel break. Secondary impacts may increase vegetation for livestock and wildlife.

The Coyote Springs Project is approximately 38 acres and located in an area known as Tule Valley, specifically Coyote Springs. This is a cooperative project involving the BLM and Utah Division of Wildlife Resource (UDWR) to remove tamarisk piles from the Coyote Springs area.

Generally, there are only two "windows of opportunity" per year, spring and fall, when the fuels, vegetation and weather conditions are acceptable and safe for use of prescribed fire. Although, every effort is made to conduct prescribed fires so smoke is minimized and dispersed into the atmosphere, some communities and residents may be affected for short periods of time.

The prescribed fire will only be implemented if temperature, humidity, wind speed, fuel moisture, Department of Air Quality Regulations and other factors can be safely met.

For further information about this project and other fuel reduction projects that the BLM, Forest Service, and The State of Utah Forestry, Fire and State Lands personnel are working on, please visit <a href="www.utahfireinfo.gov">www.utahfireinfo.gov</a> or contact Daren Turner, Fuels Project Manager at 435-743-3111 or Wende Wilding, Prevention Specialist at 435-743-3127.